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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. D 4543/8
Date 14/7 1933

Special Branch,

July 13,1933.

Superintendent Robertson

(S.1 and S.2):

Please report any information which comes to your notice about the presenc hotels or elsewhere in the Settlement of officials . agents of the Public Safety Bureau or other organs of the Chinese Authorities who appear to have come here to search for persons who are wanted by the Chinese Authorities in connection with Communist and other reactionary activities, tax evasion, etc.etc. In his meetings with representatives of the Chinese Authorities, Supt. Tan should be always on the look out for information of the character mentioned and should report without delay any which comes to his notice.

T. P. Givens

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S.I., S.B. Station,

Date July 11, 1933

Subject (in full) Investigation Bureaux of Chinese Authorities existing in Settlement.

Made by and Forwarded by Superintendent Robertson

I cannot see that the Special Branch can supply information daily on the presence in the Settlement of such offices or bases, but it can inform Louza confidentially as and when it is obtained. As I have already stated in my report of June 27, Special Branch information in this respect has hitherto been very scanty indeed. It is worthy of note that at the moment investigation into communist activities by the Central Political Council is more or less at a standstill as a result of the assassination of Ma Shao-wu, and the Central Council appears to have realized its mistake in enlisting wholesale as agents so-called converts from Communism.

If Ma's successor, when he takes over his duties here, can be made to have confidence in and cooperate fully with the Municipal Police, it will go a long way towards eliminating illegal functioning and surreptitious workings of his agents in the Settlement.

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Inf. Supt. Crd

Kindly return to ACSP Bd

Thos Robertson
Superintendent.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER 13 JUL 11 1933 (CRIME) SHANGHAI

D.C. (Crime)

Unless special reasons exist for acting differently, the Sp. Br. will communicate to others any information obtained about the presence of agents of foreign authorities in the Settlement [illegible]

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., S.B. Station,

REPORT

Date June 27, 1933

Subject (in full) Investigation Bureaux of Chinese Authorities existing in Settlement

Made by and Forwarded by Superintendent Robertson

While there can be no objection to the Chief Inspector-in-Charge and Senior Detective, Louza, being kept posted (confidentially) of any base, office or room known to the Special Branch as being utilized by emissaries of the Chinese Authorities as liaison centres or bases to facilitate investigation, it must be noted that Special Branch knowledge in this respect is very limited. In view of this, I doubt very much if the acquiring of this scanty information would assist Louza in the event of political murders. Assassination has always been a popular mode of elimination of opponents in Chinese political circles and indications do not point to a change to something more civilized, but, on the contrary, there is every reason to anticipate that once a certain clique (blue shirt) finds itself on firmer ground than at present, elimination of its political opponents will follow.

The only cure as far as I can see is to intensify police visitation to hotels and lodging houses together with interrogation of guests on lines more rigorous than hitherto.

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I agree
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O. i/c Sp. Br.
JUN 30 1933

H W Robertson
Superintendent.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.2. Special Branch. ~~Station~~

REPORT

Date June 22, 1933.

Subject (in full) Retribution.

Made by ____ and Forwarded by D.I. Ross.

With reference to the attached report dated June 20, 1933 on the subject of 'retribution' among political adherents and loafer gangs, I have to state that I agree in principle with the suggestion of preventative measures to be adopted by the Municipal Police as laid forward by C.D.I. Robertson.

However, there remains room to doubt the practicability of the material suggestion contained therein as to advise the Chinese authorities to refrain from resorting to the use of hotels and lodging houses in the Settlement because it can be safe enough to say that practically on every occasion there will be no conclusive evidence forthcoming to link their proposed object of renting the room with anything illegal. On the other hand, however, it is highly advisable to have more frequent and periodical visits to hotels and lodging houses in the Settlement with a view to combing out undesirables.

My suggestion therefore is that in the event of members of the Public Safety Bureau deeming it necessary to establish a temporary communication office in the Settlement to facilitate investigation into cases they do so with the sanction and cooperation of the Municipal Police.

D. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch ~~Station~~

REPORT

Date June 23. 1933.

Subject (in full) Report on attached.

Made by Supt. Tan Shao-liang Forwarded by Thos Robertson, Supt.

I do not agree with suggestion of C.D.I. Robertson.

If the search parties are carried out as suggested, it would force the members of the Public Safety Bureau to move to dwelling house for the same purpose and in the same district. Besides it will cause ill feeling and retaliation of the Public Safety Bureau whose members are likely to obstruct our men when proceeding to Chinese territory to make enquiries.

Tan Shao-liang

Superintendent.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Louza Station,

Date 20th June 1933.

Subject (in full) Retribution.

Made by C.D.I.Robertson. Forwarded by Jas. G. Ackerman

Sir,

The murder of Tang Ah Yuk (唐阿祿) in the French Concession on 18th June, 1933 would appear from the scant information available to be an act of revenge for the assassination of Zung Yoong Sung (陳永森), in Louza District on the 23rd April 1933.

The muder of Ma Shao Wu (馬紹武) on 14th June 1933, in Louza District was undoubtedly the work of certain members of the Communist Party as an act of revenge for the arrest and prosecution [redacted] of many of their followers by Ma or his agents.

The murder of Yang Chien, of the Civil Rights Protection League, in the French Concession on 18th June 1933 is generally attributed to [redacted] agents of the Political Section of the Nanking Government, as an act of retribution for the murder of Ma Shao Wu.

The opinion expressed above is also the belief of the [redacted]ch Police with representatives of which body C.D.I.Robertson [redacted] discussed these cases.

In view of the above it would appear a vendetta has now been launched between rival gangs of leafers in the French Concession on the one hand and between the Communist Party and the Political Section of the Nanking Government on the other.

As several representatives of the Chinese Authorities, especially those of the Bureau Safety Bureau and the Special Branch of that Bureau, frequent hotels and lodging houses in Louza District where they meet to discuss their various [illegible] the possibility of further outrages of the kind [illegible] by the Nanking [illegible]

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Subject (in full)

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It is therefore suggested that the Chinese Authorities be asked to refrain from resorting to the use of such premises in Louza District, or that numerous search parties be organised to search for their presence and in the event of their being found to request them to confine their activities to other districts until such times as the present danger is over.

Henry Robertson
C. D. I.

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In view of the above it would appear a vendetta has now been launched between rival gangs of loafers in the French Concession on the one hand and between the Communist Party and the Political Section of the Nanking Government on the other.

As several representatives of the Chinese Authorities, especially those of the Bureau Public Safety Bureau and the Special Branch of that Force, frequent hotels and lodging houses in Louza District where they meet to discuss their various interests the possibility of further murders of the nature described above is by no means remote and it seems necessary

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Henry Robertson
C. D. I.

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1933

Political Gangdom

Rival murder gangs seem to be developing activity within the International Settlement and the French Concession. Recent crimes are believed to be the outcome of political disagreements between certain rival groups in Chinese politics. The Settlement and the Concession have traditionally given asylum to refugees for whom residence in China would not be healthy. There is no reason why this privilege should be abused. In other words the Police authorities would have full public support if they took drastic action to prevent this place from becoming a playground for murderous controversialists. The existence of these gangs must be tolerably well-known to the Police who, in view of the recent crimes, would be perfectly justified in rounding up the gangsters and transferring them gently but firmly to Chinese territory where, no doubt, political assassination would receive suitable corrective treatment.